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1. U.S. COVERAGE:

PRAVDA AND KZ COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE HAS MOST NEGATIVE AND CRITICAL TONE THUS FAR IN TREATMENT OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. IT SINGLES OUT:

- SALT: PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT CRUISE MISSILES SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT. THIS IS TREATED AS A SHIFT FROM THE PREVIOUS AMERICAN POSITION;
- MIDDLE EAST: PRESIDENT'S CONTENTION THAT ISRAEL'S NEED FOR "DEFENSIBLE BORDERS" JUSTIFIES ONLY A PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES;
- SOUTH KOREA: INCREASED EXPENDITURES FOR MILITARY IN KOREA WHILE NOTING THE U.S. MILITARY WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE A GRADUAL ONE, REQUIRING SEVERAL YEARS;
- CIA: PRESIDENT'S CONCERN THAT THE SECURITY OF ITS OPERATIONS BE SAFEGUARDED;
- HUMAN RIGHTS: THE PRESIDENT ADMITTED THAT THE U.S. WAS GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BUT DISAVOWED TYSON STATEMENT ON U.S. INTERVENTION IN CHILE;
- DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT FORCES THE ADMINISTRATION TO REINSTITUTE A YOUTH LABOR CORPS, RECALLING THE 1930'S.
- THERE IS A REPORT OF THE LIFTING OF U.S. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO VIETNAM, NORTH KOREAN, CAMBODIA AND CUBA, BUT NO MENTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ARMS CONTROL INITIATIVES CITED BY PRESIDENT.

- B. STREL'NIKOV CONTRIBUTES A WELL-WRITTEN ACCOUNT IN PRAVDA ON THE U.S. ENERGY CRISIS AND HOW IT DEVELOPED, NOTING THE "SURRENDER" OF THE GOVERNMENT TO DEMANDS OF NATURAL GAS PRODUCERS FOR THE REMOVAL OF PRICE CONTROLS. HE COMPARES U.S. ENERGY WASTE WITH SOVIET CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES;
- KZ WAS THE ONLY SOVIET PAPER TO REPORT ON THE SEIZURE OF HOSTAGES AND BUILDINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BY MOSLEM GROUP.

2. HUMAN RIGHTS:

- PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE TASS ARTICLE WHICH CITES VARIOUS WESTERN LEADERS (CALLAGHAN, BRANDT, KREISKY, AND FUKUDA). STORY CREATES IMPRESSION OF DISSATISFACTION WITH U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUPPORT FOR DISSIDENTS.

3. LATIN AMERICA.

--PRAVDA REPORTS CC CPSU MEETING BETWEEN
POLITBURO MEMBER B.N. PONOMAROV AND DEP. DIR.
CC INTERNATIONAL DEPT., K.N. BRUTENTS, ON
SOVIET SIDE, AND FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF DELEGATION
OF "RADICAL" PARTY OF CHILE: ANSELMO SULE
(CHAIRMAN OF PARTY), BENJAMIN TEPLISKI (DEP.
CHAIRMAN), UGO MIRANDA AND ALEKSANDRO MONTESINO
(MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP) (NAMES PHONETIC).
-- V. ANDRIANOV WRITES IN IZVESTIYA'S "OUR
COMMENTARY" ON SUCCESS OF ANDES PACT IN FACT OF
PRSSURE FROM U.S. BUSINESS AND PRESS.
--KZ REPORTS AFP ITEM ON ECUADOR DECISION
TO PURCHASE 16 JAGUAR AIRCRAFT FROM ENGLAND.

4. ASIA.

--VIETNAMESE DEF. MIN. GIAP ARRIVED IN MOSCOW
ON MARCH 10. KZ FRONT-PAGED ARRIVAL REPORT AND
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PHOTO OF USTINOV GREETING GIAP; OTHER NEWSPAPERS
CARRIED ONLY SHORT ACCOUNTS.

--PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN, BY VSEVOLOD
KALININ, ANALYZES PAKISTANI ELECTION RESULTS IN
POSITIVE TERMS, PARTICULARLY AS AN ENDORSEMENT FOR
PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN
THE STATE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY AND LAND REFORM.
THE COMMENTARY NOTES THAT PAKISTAN STILL FACES MANY
PROBLEMS, DESCRIBES THE OPPOSITION AS "REACTION-
ARIES," AND SEES IN THE ELECTION RESULTS A MANDATE
FOR FURTHER PROGRESS AT HOME AND A "REALISTIC
FOREIGN POLICY."

5. EUROPE:

--PRAVDA HAS TASS BUCHAREST REPORT ON CEAUSESCU
PRESS CONFERENCE GIVING OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF EARTH-
QUAKE DAMAGE STATISTICS.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT FROM PARIS
AND WASHINGTON ON DIFFICULTIES CONCORDE ISSUE
CAUSING IN U.S.-FRENCH AND U.S.-BRITISH RELATIONS.
PRAVDA NOTES IT IS ONE OF MAJOR TOPICS ON U.S.
AGENDA OF CALLAGHAN.

--KZ AND IZVESTIYA HASVE TASS PIECE
DETAILING (WITH PHOTOS) "DIRTY METHODS" ENEMIES
OF DETENTE USE TO SMUGGLE ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA
INTO USSR AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATES. AUTHOR
B. CHEKHONIN SAYS THIS IS CONTRARY TO LETTER AND
SPIRIT OF HELSINKI ACCORDS.
--IZVESTIYA RECORDS SWISS ADHERENCE TO NPT.

6. MIDDLE EAST:

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT THAT CONCLUSION
OF THE AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN CAIRO. IN
THIS CONTEXT PRAVDA ADDS A TASS ADDID ABABA NOTE
ON ETHIOPIAN MEDIA CRITICISM OF SAUDI ARABIAN
COOPERATION WITH IMPERIALISM TO SUBVERT INTERESTS
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OF ARFICAN STATES.

7. AFRICA:

--IZVESTIYA AND KZ ANNOUNCE PROTOCOL VISIT
TO MAURITIUS BY SOVIET CRUISER "ADMIRAL FOKIN"
AND DESTROYER "ODARENYYI."
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